



NEW PLATTE RIVER BRIDGE—Construction is buzzing along on the new Platte River Bridge about five miles north of this city. The bridge's completion will be heartily welcomed by the many residents of Cass County who work at Allied Chemical and Dye Corp., or in Omaha and who have to travel Route 75

to and from their jobs. The present bridge does not offer a very smooth ride and is sometimes a traffic bottleneck. Present plans call for the old bridge to be renovated once the new bridge is completed and both will be used to speed the flow of traffic. Each bridge will allow only traffic in one direction.

## Plattsmouth's Docks May Soon Be Barge Traffic Hub

The Plattsmouth docks along the Missouri River may soon be humming with more activity than has been noted in many a year.

Sturm Freightways, a major transport firm, is presently negotiating to take over the docks and make this city into a major barge hub.

Presently the dock commission—composed of Clem Woster, C. J. White and Chairman T. H. Pollock—is negotiating with the transport firm.

If negotiations are completed this city can expect to see much freight go through the local docks. The connections could be made via railroad or truck. The use of the local docks would enable shippers to escape a higher rate assessed at the Omaha docks, authorities said. The present leasing firm in Omaha has a 30-year contract and some shippers have refrained from using its facilities.

The Plattsmouth docks are believed adequate and the Sturm firm appeared pleased at the price quoted for operating the docks, it was learned by the Plattsmouth Journal.

Water in the Missouri is now controlled by man-made rock walls and other planned obstructions. In years long past, spring break ups and heavy rains hindered barge operations and made water transportation quite impractical.

The Sturm first contacted the Plattsmouth City Council. The council turned the matter over to the Cass County commissioners, who in turn passed it on to the dock group.

With the increase in river traffic its supporters have become more enthusiastic in their claims much can be saved in the shipment of freight by water.

One bottleneck in the proposed freight operation could be the small Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad underpass at the east end of Main Street.

The span allows only one way traffic and is but 11 feet high. Fourteen feet is the legal height.

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## UN Professor Will Talk at Graduation

Dr. Wesley C. Meierhenry, associate professor of school administration and of history and the principles of education at the University of Nebraska, will be the commencement speaker.



Dr. W. C. Meierhenry during graduation exercises at Plattsmouth High School May 18.

The choice of the university professor was announced today by T. I. Friest, superintendent of Plattsmouth Schools.

Dr. Meierhenry has been a member of the university faculty since 1943.

Before coming to the university he was superintendent of schools at Republican City and field representative for Midland College.

Dr. Meierhenry attended the Western Union College, LeMars, Iowa and received his bachelor's degree from Midland College, Fremont, in 1936. He received his master's degree in 1941 and his doctor's degree in 1945, both from the University of Nebraska.

He is a former chapter president of Phi Delta Kappa, honorary educational fraternity. He is co-author of "Community Schools for Nebraska."

Dr. Meierhenry also directed "Nebraska Program of Educational Enrichment Through the Use of Motion Pictures," a four-year experimental program in the use of motion pictures financed in part by the Carnegie Corporation of New York with a grant of \$53,400.

## Marriage Permits

Two marriage licenses were issued at Cass County Court during the past three days.

They were issued to Rolland F. Cooper, 22, and Karen Kalasek, 20, both of Plattsmouth.

Gordon L. Paxton, 33, and Irma M. Miller, 20, both of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

## Farmers Look Ahead After The Rainfall

The rainfall which blessed the farmlands in this area beginning this past Friday night came just 20 years to the day after another fall which came to save crops, help pasture lands and raise the spirits of pessimistic farmers.

Although it is conceded much more rain is needed within the next month or six weeks to straighten out the present drought problem the rainfall which started this past Friday night and was added to by a heavy shower Saturday afternoon brought a marked change to things.

Farmers could be heard looking optimistically again to the future in their discussions with other farmers. Merchants were confident it would stimulate business and even the urban home owner was thankful for the water on his lawn, flower and small vegetable gardens.

This rainfall of .54 inches in Plattsmouth will do much immediately for the pasturelands, farmers said. However, many claim four or five inches is needed during May to reach the sub soil which has been depleted over the past three years.

It was back in 1936 that 1.35 inches of rainfall came to earth throughout Cass County to relieve a dry situation which also had the farmers worried.

According to the Plattsmouth Journal files of 1936 the farmer's "had been complaining of the dry condition of the top soil, but this (the rain) seems to have been taken care of by the soaking rain of last night."

## VFW Offers Awards, Seats New Officers

Some 100 members and guests of Leper-Woelver Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, met at a banquet last night to install new officers and present the post's annual awards.

Dr. O. D. Sandin, Atty. Walter Smith and Dale Bowman were named recipients of the VFW's highest awards—those of outstanding citizenship and community service.

Dr. Sandin is a veterinarian, Atty. Smith is a Plattsmouth lawyer and head of the city's Red Cross drive and Mr. Bowman is secretary of the Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce.

A special citation was given VFW Auxiliary member Mrs. Margaret Fitch for her services during the four years in which she headed the VFW community service program.

Plattsmouth High School student Rosemary Nelson was awarded the VFW scholarship to any teaching college of her choice in the state. Her alter- (Continued on Page 6)

## Dean of Cass Store Keepers Dies at Age 82

Frank H. Nichols, 82, of Louisville, who had operated a store longer than any other man in Cass County, died in an Omaha hospital Sunday after an illness of two months.

Mr. Nichols operated his family store for 68 years. H. M. Soennichsen will have operated his business here for 67 years this coming October.

Mr. Nichols, known throughout the county, is survived by: Two sons, Ross of Louisville and Robert of Scottsbluff; two daughters, Mrs. Hazel Dolan and Mrs. Boline Lundteigen both of Louisville. Four grandchildren and two great grandchildren also survive. His wife preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the First Methodist Church, Louisville, with Rev. L. N. Blough officiating. Fusselman Funeral Home is in charge of the body. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery with IOOF No. 184 in charge of graveside services.

Soloist James Heard will sing "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" and "Abide With Me," accompanied by Mrs. Laura Gess, organist.

Pall bearers will be H. B. Troop, John Gauer, John Schlatter, Ralph Brown, Richard Brown and La Rue Williams.

Mr. Nichols lived in Louisville for 75 years operating the Nichols Store that was established by his father in 1886. He took over the business at the age of 14 after his father's death. He has been semi-retired since 1948.

The Nichols Store is still in operation, known as the oldest Cass County business establishment. Mr. Nichols was a musician and a great baseball fan.

## Union Man Among Those Taking Part In Meat Promotion

A nationwide meat promotion program aimed at increasing meat consumption throughout the country may soon be underway—and among the men behind the drive will be a resident of Union.

He is Melvin Todd, vice-president of the Nebraska Beef Council and a past officer of the Corn Belt Livestock Feeders Association.

Mr. Todd was among representatives of 20 states who met in Des Moines, Iowa and voted for the establishment of a national producers organization.

The entire nine man Nebraska delegation which also included Ralph Raikes and G. E. McReynolds, both of Ashland, voted unanimously for the proposal.

Only two states of 20 represented voted against the proposal.

LEAVES FOR CALIFORNIA Mrs. James Lipert and Mrs. Kenneth Jensen and daughter, Caroline and son, Allen left for Calif. Thursday evening to see their new grandchild.

## Concert Tonight Will End School's Annual Program

The end of the year's activities in the Plattsmouth High School Instrumental Music Department will be heartily welcomed tonight with the annual spring band concert.

This concert will include numbers by the newly organized beginners band, the intermediate band, the cadet band and the senior band.

The concert is scheduled to start at 7:30 with the beginners

band first on the stage. These students have been studying for approximately two months and are very eager to make their first performance.

Following the beginners band will be the intermediate band composed of students who have been playing at least a year and the cadet band, made up of members who are either recent additions to the senior band or who will be probable additions to the senior band after graduation.

The senior band will play the selections played this spring at the district music contest at Fremont.

Included in the program will be: "Pacific Grandeur Overture," "Bolero Non," "Summer Evening Serenade," "Cielito Lindo" and "Success March" by the Cadet Band.

The Senior Band will perform "Storm King March," "River Jordan," "Egmont Overture" and "High School Cadets March."

## Top Value Store Open

Top Value Enterprises, Inc., opened a new redemption store Saturday at 220-2 W. Broadway, Council Bluffs. It will provide gift merchandise headquarters for savers of Top Value stamps, distributed locally by Kroger food stores and many other retail merchants.

## Pair of Service Stations Looted Near Greenwood

GREENWOOD — Two early Saturday morning burglaries of service stations near Greenwood are being investigated by the sheriff's office and a member of the State Criminal Bureau.

Sheriff Tom Solomon said DX Service Station and Standard Oil Station, both new super service garages located at the junction of Main Street and US 6, were looted.

About \$150 in batteries, tires and other accessories were taken from each station, Deputy Sheriff Shradler Rhoden said.

The burglars gained entrance by forcing open new type "screed out" windows.

A light colored Nash automobile possibly bearing a "6 or 8" county plate is believed involved, the sheriff said today.

## Vacation Can Be Enjoyed More If Everything Is Set

By Margaret Dingman Journal Woman's Editor

Bye and Bye if and when you take that vacation to parts distant from Cass County be sure to have your milk and newspaper deliveries suspended temporarily.

A porch full of delivered commodities is notice to prowlers that nobody is home. Besides the papers will blow away and clutter up your lawn and play on the temper of your neighbor who has just cleared his lawn of debris.

Make arrangements for your pets—outside pets or house pets. There are pet shops which will board them for a small daily fee, and you can be sure they will have good care.

It is wise not to crowd your time too fully, especially if children accompany you on the trip. Be sure and do take along the child's favorite toy or book or perhaps his favorite pillow so he will have something with him from home.

Do by all means take something along for mosquito bites, sunburn and poison ivy! Your drugstore can supply you with such needs.

If you are planning a trip of the camping type or part time camping is available to you, take along a good supply of the staple foods. Appetites will be increased with more free time on your hands.

Toting non-perishable foods

along will cut down your expenses of the trip considerably. Travel comfortably. Assuming that your road trip is well charted before departure, be sure and have the map within easy reach of the co-pilot. It is fun and a challenge to yourself to try to make a certain number of miles per day, but don't let it upset you if the quota isn't made. Perhaps you may overstay at a place of special interest—so what, that is what pleasure trips are for.

If children are traveling see that they, too, are comfortable. Perhaps they'd like a pillow, a blanket or a drink of water from the thermos, which is a must on a vacation trip—or maybe a piece of candy mother tucked in her purse. And by all means a wash cloth, wet, in a plastic bag comes in mighty handy. It can be rinsed or washed out at stopping places.

Try to make pop comfortable, too. After all he is the bread winner and has looked forward to this rest and time away from his work. Besides, you want to have another trip next year—one you can think about all winter.

Above all enjoy yourselves. Having made your departure arrangements with the paper boy, milkman, postoffice and settled your pets, everything should be well at home. It is up to you to make the most of your trip.

## 2 Face Federal Charges

Jack Liddick and Leon Mink Picked Up: Took Vehicle

Two Plattsmouth men are lodged in Cass County Jail today tentatively charged with interstate transportation of a stolen auto.

Arrested late last night by Sheriff Tom Solomon were Jack Liddick, 36, and Leon Mink, 26.

They are accused of taking the automobile of Ralph Timm and driving into Iowa where they wrecked it when they failed to make a turn early yesterday morning.

Sheriff Solomon said today the men have signed statements implicating themselves in the offense. Mr. Timm has also signed a statement for investigators, claiming the car was taken without his permission or knowledge.

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents are expected in Plattsmouth today to question the pair. Interstate transportation of a stolen car is a federal offense.

The new hardtop Mercury had less than 4,000 miles registered on its speedometer. Sheriff Solomon said Sheriff John Rhoden of Greenwood told him the \$3,600 car was a total loss.

The Cass County Sheriff said the men, in their statements, admitted they took the keys from Mr. Timm's pockets as he slept in Liddick's bed in the Plattsmouth Hotel. The sheriff said \$4 in cash appears to have also been taken from Mr. Timm's pockets.

The pair said they had de- (Continued on Page 6)

## Former City Woman To Retire After 44 Years of Teaching

Miss Bess Alexander of York, a native of Plattsmouth, has decided to retire after teaching 38 years in York.

Her entire teaching career spans 44 years. She is the daughter of the late Rev. W. H. Alexander, pioneer Methodist.

Mrs. Joe Wiles told the Journal she vaguely recalls the family living here for three or four years.

## THE WEATHER

Compiled for the Plattsmouth Journal at the Masonic Home Weather Station, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

April 26, 27, 28, 29, 1956.

	High	Low	Precip.
Thursday	78	38	
Friday	82	56	
Saturday	64	38	.54
Sunday	40	32	

Forecast: Mostly cloudy and cool today, highs in mid 40's, lows in 30's. Tuesday's high in 50's. Sun sets Monday at 7:20 p.m. Sun rises Tuesday at 5:21 a.m.

## Parish School Nearly Done

The students of St. John's Parish School will have a bright new building in which to pursue their studies comes this fall.

As they romp about during recess periods the 114 students of the old brick schoolhouse can look to the northeast and there within a couple of hundred feet they can see the new \$110,000 structure rapidly being finished.

Ground for the school was broken this past summer by the Most Rev. Bishop Kucera.

The new building will contain five classrooms against the three the old school now offers. The old school also crams the students into classes which average 38 in number, considered an overload by modern educational standards.

It is hoped the new school will overcome this problem. It's sleek modern design will overcome many other problems found in the old building too.

Through its design the new structure takes advantage of all natural lighting available.

The cornerstone was laid at (Continued on Page 6)



WILL SOON BE READY—St. John's Parish School is being inspected by two eighth graders and Rosemary Bellinger look the building over with Rev. Raphael Chonta, assistant pastor, and Sister Janette. Journal Photo.